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AN APPRECIATION BY JOHN LATEY.



THE great little soldier-whom Queen and country delight to honour on his return from South Africa has personal qualities which endear him to all who have the high privilege of knowing him. Benevolence gleams from the clear blue eyes under the broad, intelligent brows. The mellow tones of his voice betoken his kindly and sunshiny nature. Every considerate, thoughtful action of his in Peace and in War proves him to be a true gentleman. No wonder

"Bobs" is Loved by the Army.

The modest conqueror of the Transvaal and Orange Colony could literally go anywhere and do anything with the splendid fighting force of whose merits he spoke so warmly on the eve of his departure from Cape Town for England in the company of Lady Roberts and their daughters.

Son of the Late General Sir Abraham
Roberts, G.C.B.,

Frederick Sleigh Roberts was born at Cawnpore on Sept. 30, 1832, and comes of a good Irish stock. He himself claims to be an Irishman; and in an eloquent letter he addressed to the United States and Canada before he started on his mission to subdue the Boers, he paid this hearty tribute to the gallant race from which he sprang: "In the hour of danger my countrymen have ever been among the first to lay down their lives for their Queen and country; and whether it be against Boer or any other nationality, the Irish soldier will be found loyal to his Queen and brave in battle."

To recapitulate briefly the chief events of a life destined to be so valuable to the Realm, let it be stated that young Roberts was brought in his infancy to Clifton by his parents, and received his earliest education in that picturesque suburb of Bristol, later going to Eton, Sandhurst, and Addiscombe. He joined the Army in 1851. Nominated Second Lieutenant in the Bengal Artillery, he enjoyed the advantage of being for a short time under his experienced father at Peshawar, acting as Aide-de-Camp to the veteran Commander, who had such a good record in Afghan warfare.

The Victoria Cross

was won by Lieutenant Roberts (as sketched on another page) in the dark days of the Indian Mutiny, in the suppression of which the lion-hearted young officer took an active part, notably at



BOER WAR SOUVENIR OF LORD ROBERTS: "BOBS" IN CAPE CART AT THE FRONT.

the Siege of Lucknow, where, when worn out with fatigue, he was, curiously enough, succeeded by the valiant Garnet Wolseley, whose post of supreme command at the War Office Lord Roberts is so soon to fill.

The act of personal bravery for which our hero was awarded the V.C. may be most concisely described in the official record: "Lieutenant Roberts's gallantry has on every occasion been most marked. On following up the retreating enemy on the 2nd of January 1858, at Khodagunge, he saw in the distance two Sepoys going away with a standard. Lieutenant Roberts put spurs to his horse, and overtook them just as they were about to enter a village. They immediately turned round, and presented their muskets at him, and one of the men pulled the trigger, but fortunately the cap snapped, and the standard-bearer was cut down by the gallant young officer, and the standard taken possession of by him. He also, on the same day, cut down another Sepoy who was standing at bay, with musket and bayonet, keeping off a sowar. Lieutenant Roberts rode to the assistance of the horseman, and rushing at the Sepoy, with one blow of his sword cut him across the face, killing him on the spot."

Without dwelling upon his subsequent services in India, as Lord Napier of Magdala's Assistant-Quartermaster-General in the Abyssinian Campaign, or in the Lushai Expedition, let us come to

The Memorable March to Kandahar
in 1880.

during which Sir Frederick Sleigh Roberts, who had occupied Kabul and avenged the foul massacre of the British representative, developed the resourcefulness, tact, great powers of organisation, and military ability which, combined with a genuine sympathy for all classes serving under him and unsparing devotion to their interests, have won for him the fullest measure of confidence and affection, and stamped him as the foremost Commander in the British Army. The moment was critical, the danger great. Ayoob Khan had inflicted that severe defeat upon Burrows's troops at Maiwand which inspired Caton Woodville to paint one of his best battle-pictures. Kandahar was threatened. It was at this juncture that Roberts, with a force of nine thousand men, achieved that wonderful march from Kabul to Kandahar which saved the latter city and resulted in the complete defeat of Ayoob Khan.

In this grand march the self-sacrificing, generous nature of Lord Roberts and his infinite patience and kindly consideration naturally won the hearts of all who took part with him in the magnificent exploit. Cheering a wounded soldier with an encouraging word, infusing his own high courage into officers and men as he made it his daily practice to ride down the whole length of the great column speeding to the relief of Kandahar, "Bobs" was, in his quiet way, the life and soul of those splendid marchers—comrades in arms he did not forget when the Lord Mayor of London for the time being came to present him at the Guildhall with a Sword of Honour on his return to England.

"Permit me," said Sir Frederick Roberts, as he then was, "to accept the honour as paid, not to myself alone, but also to the able officers and to the brave and enduring troops who served under my directions, and whom I am proud to represent. Your Chamberlain has paid me and the force which I commanded a high compliment indeed in comparing our march from Kabul to Kandahar with the famous 'retreat of the Ten Thousand' from the plains of Babylon to the shores of the Euxine. To a certain extent we may, perhaps, be permitted to accept this comparison: both operations were carried out amid numerous enemies and through difficult countries, and in both cases the object in view was successfully attained."

Succeeding the late General Sir George
Colley

on his death at the lamentable Majuba Hill disaster in 1881, Roberts was appointed Commander of the troops in Natal; and had not the Home Government with questionable magnanimity restored to the rebels the semi-independence for which they had risen, he would have easily crushed the rebellious Boers in all probability, and thus have spared us the present war which Paul Kruger provoked.

From the command of the troops in Madras he was raised, in 1885, to be Commander-in-Chief in India in succession to Sir Donald Stewart, and saw service in Burma ere he returned to England as Baron Roberts of Kandahar and Waterford, soon to obtain the rank of Field-Marshal and Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Forces in Ireland.

It need hardly be recalled that it was from Ireland that Lord Lansdowne summoned Lord Roberts when the early Boer successes in South Africa rendered it imperative to despatch additional regiments. The state of England in that gloomy December of 1899 will never be forgotten. The whole manhood of the country seemed ready to volunteer to go to "the Front." Our gallant Colonial brethren, too, came to the rescue, as did our own patriotic Volunteers and Yeomanry. And it redounded to the credit of our military system, at any rate, that the Government should have been able from first to last to ship upwards of a quarter of a million of fighting-men across the seas to the Cape. A grateful nation will ever remember that it was when cut to the heart by the loss of his only son, Lieutenant F. H. S. Roberts, V.C., in his heroic attempt to save the guns at the Battle of Colenso, that

Lord Roberts Began his Arduous Task
in South Africa,

whither he was sent as Commander-in-Chief of the armies in the field. Called from Khartoum, Lord Kitchener met Lord Roberts *en voyage*, and, as Chief of his Staff, worked so hard and so well as to merit the trust "Bobs" reposed in him in naming him his successor after he had added the Orange River Colony and the Transvaal to the dominions of the Queen.

Colossal was the work that faced Lord Roberts in South Africa. British Commanders had encountered grave reverses in various quarters. Buller checked by the leaden hail of the Boers at Colenso, and the river Tugela running between that sturdy General and closely beleaguered Ladysmith; Gatacre driven back in another direction after a calamitous march; and Methuen staggering under the blow dealt poor Wauchope's Highland Brigade at Magersfontein. Lord Roberts found this problem before him: how to turn the tables against the enemy, a mobile army of sharpshooters, to succour beleaguered Kimberley, Ladysmith and Mafeking, defended so ably by Colquhoun, General Sir George White, V.C., by Colonel Baden-Powell respectively.

Lord Roberts's Plan of Campaign

was as simple as it was direct, as initiated as soon as he and Lord Kitchener reached Methuen's camp on the Modder River, where "Bobs" was nerved for his task by the rousing cheers of the Gurkha and of all the regiments which had remained inactive so long. It is within the memory of all at home in

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England with what masterly precision was carried into execution. General French's dashing cavalry ride which relieved Kimberley; and his army at Paardeberg; the faction of hearing that Buller's army had simultaneously entered Ladysmith; his own army, first to Bloemfontein to Johannesburg, and on to the city of Pretoria; securing the "B.P." at Mafeking; and the high of Colonel Mahon's well-led column.

The Union Jack was Hoisted More in Pretoria

(never to be hauled down again) veteran Field-Marshal (sixty-eight) ere he sailed for England left the expression of his confidence that would ere long end the protracted

The Homeward Voyage

Cheered by the ringing hurrahs honour on his departure with Misses Roberts from Cape Town had a foretaste of the home welcome when the Dominion liner reached the Solent. There were repetitions of the Cape Town residents at St. Helena, the Madeira, and the English who had Gibraltar made the welkin ring with the gladness at sight of the lovable little big brain and kindly heart. The "Gib" on the last Friday morning year, and Lord Roberts was met New Mole by his old friend George White, V.C., whom he had to praise for his skilful defence. The decorated streets, gaily illuminated and the enthusiasm of the people in deeply Gibraltar shares the of England feel for "Dear old Bob" jackets on board the *Devastation* cheered with the breezy lustiness of Man," and the Men-of-War first Canada steamed northwards.

Welcomed Home by Queen

White-winged yachts and naturally surrounded the *Canada* the Solent on Wednesday, and these Britons afloat anticipated the reception ready for Lord landed at East Cowes to be welcomed by Duke of Connaught and Prince Battenberg, and by the town to his visit to Her Majesty. Than the Queen's Soldier-some no one more fitting to assist in doing the honours to the Marches to Kandahar and a military man living has a knowledge of the genius of a happy augury that the Duke held in his arms by the Victoria of H.R.H.'s sponsors, should in his manhood come to be closely the Field-Marshal who ranks, the Duke of Wellington, of which paining Lord Roberts has an appreciative a historian in of valuable and interesting of wank Southampton, whence so many embarked for South Africa, pressed welcome for Lord Roberts on Thursday when the Mayor arranged to present the Freedom of the town. Travel by the South-Western and Great



LORD ROBERTS'S ARRIVAL AT CAPE TOWN, HOMEWARD BOUND: "BOBS" DISEMBARKING FROM THE "CANADA."

Lord Roberts is the first figure, right arm in sling, on the gangway.

Lord Roberts had to face the genial welcome of H.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales and Sir John Aird, M.P., Mayor of Paddington, ere the thundering cheers of London struck his ears. The troop-lined route from Paddington terminus was by way of London Street, Sussex Gardens, Westbourne Street, Victoria Gate, and through the Park via the Marble Arch and Apsley House, Piccadilly, St. James's Street, and the Mall to Buckingham Palace, where the programme was that the Prince of Wales, with the Princess, should, on behalf of Her Majesty, entertain Lord Roberts

at luncheon, with the Prime Minister, the Duke of Connaught, Lord Wolseley, Mr. Brodrick, Sir Evelyn Wood, and other distinguished military men. But of all the well-earned tributes paid to Lord Roberts, he possibly values most the grand demonstration of the People, whose cheers indicated the full trust the public reposes in him: the one man best able to cast aside the bureaucratic red tape which has hitherto tied up the Army Reform which the first year of the New Century must see set on foot with masterly earnestness.



MAJOR DR. (name partially obscured) FOLLOWING LORD ROBERTS ROUND THE HOSPITAL AT BLOEMFONTEIN.

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EXTRAORDINARILY SUCCESSFUL TREATMENT.

A GREAT authority on corpulency, its causes and its cure, calls attention to certain vital facts which all of us who are inclined to undue stoutness would do well to ponder over with the utmost seriousness. Obesity is not merely an unwelcome and uncomely physical development; it is a grave menace to health. An accumulation of fat may occur upon the muscles of the heart or around the kidneys, and persons in this condition are extremely liable to have these vital organs impaired, whereby disaster is invited. Mr. F. Cecil Russell, the well-known specialist, from whose book, "Corpulency and the Cure," we glean our facts, says—"Those who suffer from *polysarcia omenti*, that is an accumulation of abdominal subcutaneous fat, sometimes several inches in depth, carry also an enormous weight of fat around the internal organs; and are prone to the complaints known as fatty degeneration of the heart and liver." How may this state of things be remedied? Mr. Russell shows us the way. By the author's treatment we may positively lose two stone in about a month, with the greatest possible benefit in health and strength, muscle and brain. Paradoxical as it may seem, the process of reduction is accompanied by increase of appetite and greater digestive activity, so that whilst more food is required and vigour and vitality are thereby increased, the body grows less and less in weight to the extent of from $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. to 2 lb. a day, as the test of the weighing machine will demonstrate. The treatment is absolutely harmless, and involves no discomfort or inconvenience, no irritating restrictions, no weakening cathartics. It is an unquestioned and unquestionable success, and the author, who has devoted years of study to the subject, guarantees a noticeable reduction within twenty-four hours of commencing the treatment, which aims at the very root of obesity, so that the superfluous fat does not return when the treatment is discontinued. To judge from the records of nearly a thousand cases in which the patients themselves have testified in writing to the marvellous effects of the regimen, Mr. Russell is to be heartily congratulated upon the practical results of his study and research. We advise our readers to call the attention of stout friends to this, because, sincerely, we think they ought to know. For their information we may say, that on sending 2d. in stamps the book, "Corpulency and the Cure" (256 pages), containing a reprint of Press notices from some hundreds of medical and other journals—British and foreign—and other interesting particulars, including the "recipe," can be had (post free) from Mr. F. C. Russell, Woburn House, Store Street, Bedford Square, London, W.C.—[ADVT.]

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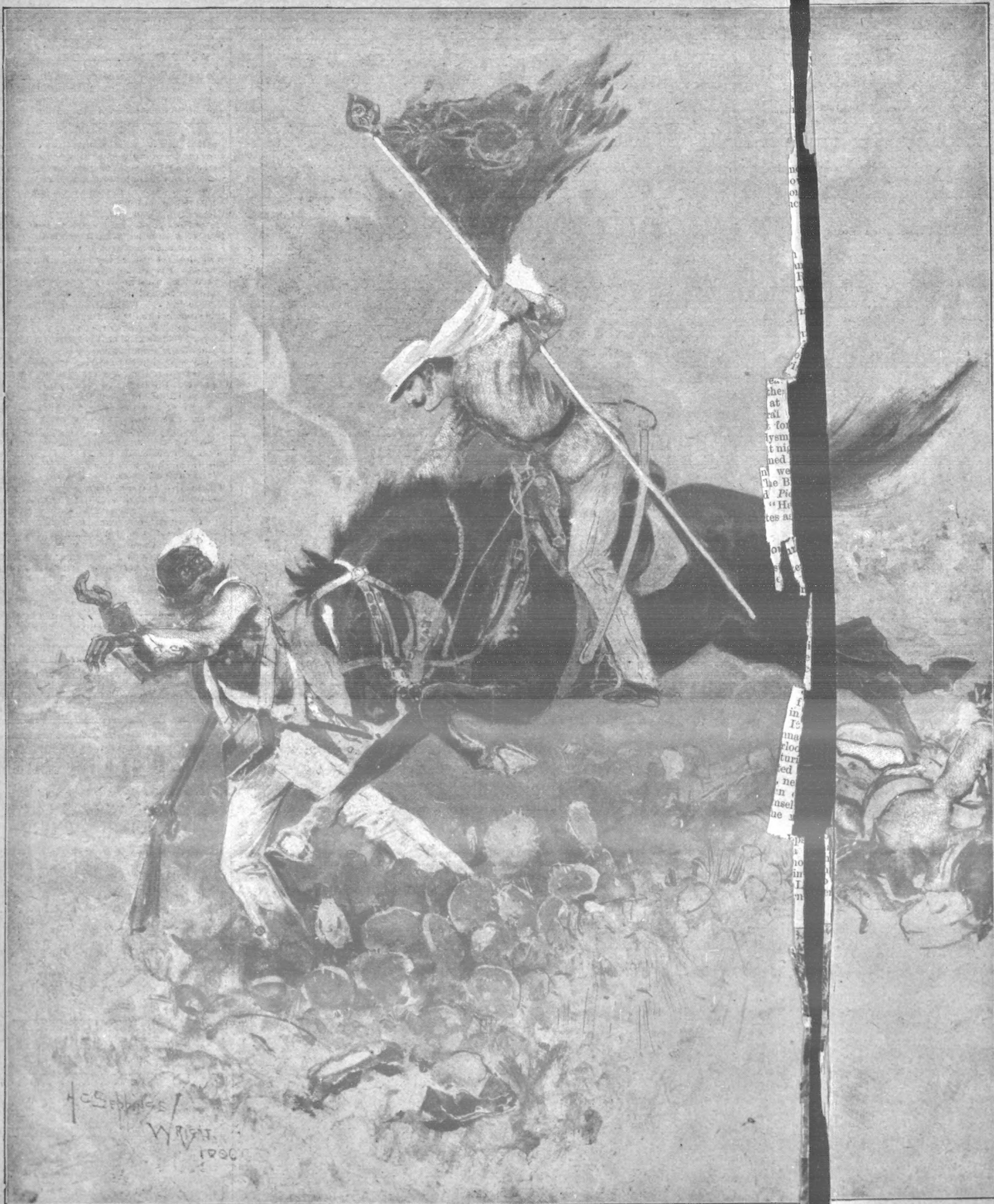
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HOW LORD ROBERTS (WHEN LIEUTENANT) WON THE V.C. DURING THE INDIAN MUTINY

Roberts.

By KATE BISHOP ("Kay Bee").

WHEN Glory seeks to mould a son,
She borrows not from kingly seed;
Her noblest workmanship is shown
Where worth begets a sturdier breed.

She takes for her design the grand,
Good traits of every age and race.
She knows but Nature's helping hand;
She scorns the aid of name and place.

She gives him less of grace than worth;
More heart than breadth or length of limb;
And sets him high o'er all the earth,
And "Made in Britain" labels him.

The mind to rule, the will to lead,
She gives according to her plan;
Then, in a Nation's hour of need,
Triumphant cries, "Behold the man!"

"Some are but Kings by right of birth—
Kings but of moorland, mount, and fen:
But mine shall rule by right of worth,
For I have made a king of men."

Who toils mid slander or renown
To some great end that shall be won,
Whose conscience is his laurel crown,
Whose only goal is Duty done;

Who carves with his right hand alone
Each step on fortune's shining steep
A people's glory, not his own,
The harvest that he fain would reap;

And standing on his self-reared height,
Unmoved by blame, unwooed by praise
Holds stainless in a people's sight
The brows that wear a people's bays;

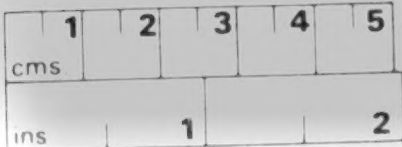
Who loves the truth for truth's own sake,
And turns on shams its piercing sheen;
And bars of custom-dares to break,
That Justice yet may stand a Queen;

Who never knew a party cry,
And holds the only great and wise
They that, with an impartial eye,
Discern true worth in any guise;

Who dares, in short, to do the right,
Shall—be his station what it may—
Find duty's goal is glory's height,
Though all the world should say him nay.

And one in thee we find,
Revered a nation's name of names;
His wealth shall never blind,
Nor make deaf to honour's claims.
A nation's helm of war,
Shall thee, knowing 'neath thy sway
Thy breast shall wear the star,
Thy brow put on the bay
Thy life-work grandly done
Not gild, blame cannot dim;
That she gave her son,
The "Made in Britain" labelled him.
To me, Empire, Honour, all
Give to hold in fee.
He will let a nation fall
In good and men like thee.

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HOW THE WORLD WAGS.

HER MAJESTY has been pleased, in accordance with custom, to approve of a long list of honours to mark the opening of the New Year.

The Most Distinguished Name is that of Sir Alfred Milner, who receives a G.C.B., and it is noticeable that the Hon. Edmund Barton, the first Premier of the Australian Commonwealth, has been admitted to the Privy Council. Mr. John Aird gets a baronetcy, and Mr. Hiram S. Maxim, who only recently became a naturalised Briton, is rewarded with a knighthood for his unique scientific achievements.

H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, as President of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association, has issued an account of the past work of that organisation and an urgent appeal for further funds.

The Gratitude for the Work Done by the fund has been most marked, hundreds of letters being received from men at the front expressing their grateful thanks for the keeping together of their homes. At the same time we might add that the judicious "tapping" of the Patriotic Fund's coffers would greatly assist this noble cause.

The Colville Incident.—No slight commotion has been caused in military and civilian circles by what is known as the Colville incident. We have by no means heard the last of this matter, and the result will be awaited with the liveliest concern. Sir Evelyn Wood, Acting Commander-in-Chief, has requested Major-General Sir Henry E. Colville, K.C.M.G., C.B., commanding the infantry brigade at Gibraltar, to resign his command. After Sir H. Colville's return from South Africa, the question of his connection with the loss of the Imperial Yeomanry at Lindley in May last was investigated, and he was reinstated in September in his command at Gibraltar, which he is now ordered to relinquish. General Colville has refused to resign.

Major-General Sir Henry E. Colville has a military career extending over no less than thirty years. Born in 1852, he entered the Grenadiers as Lieutenant in 1870. He reached a Major-Generalship in 1898. From 1881 to 1883 he was A.D.C. to the General commanding at the Cape of Good Hope; he served in the Suakin Expedition, and took part in the battles of El Teb and Tamai



Photo. Menz and Fox.

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR H. E. COLVILLE.

in 1884; was D.A.A.G. in the Nile Expedition, 1884-85; A.A.G. with the Frontier Field Force, 1885-83; was in Burma in 1893; Acting Commissioner in Uganda, 1893-95; commanded the Unyoro Expedition in 1894, and was given the command of a division in the present war.

Lord Kitchener's Hard Task.—The energetic General whom Lord Roberts left as his successor in the Transvaal has been led a fine dance by Generals Botha and De Wet, and finds his resources taxed to arrest the Boer raiders in Cape Colony, and disperse the irregular forces of the enemy nearer Pretoria. Lord Kitchener wired to the Secretary for War from Pretoria last Sunday, saying General Lyttelton had reported that

The British Post at Helvetia was Captured on Saturday by the Boers. About fifty were killed and wounded, and 200 taken prisoners. Colonel Kitchener was following the enemy with a small force, while Helvetia was being recaptured by Colonel Reeves, who had been reinforced from Belfast. The post, it appears, was surprised at half-past two o'clock in the morning, the enemy first rushing the 47-in. gun. At dawn the officer commanding the post at Ew rakopies sent out a patrol and shelled the enemy out of Helvetia, making them temporarily abandon the gun. The Boers, however, then formed our prisoners around the weapon, and eventually got it away. We had four officers wounded, one dangerously, while eleven of the rank-and-file were killed and twenty-two wounded.

The Boer Force which Entered Cape Colony to the West, Lord Kitchener reports, passed the Camarvon-Victoria West road early on the morning of Sunday going south. They were being closely pursued by our troops. Very few recruits from the colony are joining the enemy, and the men in Hertzog's commando are said to be dropping worn horses.

General French has occupied Ventersdorp, and General Clements reported that he was opposed on the road to Rustenburg.

In the Transvaal on Boxing Day.—The Boers blew up a train on Wednesday four miles west of Pan, and attacked, with a force of 200, sixteen men of the Warwickshire Regiment who were on the train. On the same day the Boers attacked Benoni, a post near Boksburg, held by seventeen men of the Johannesburg Police. The enemy were driven off, though they had a pom-pom and a Maxim.

"B.-P." and Boer Snipers in Natal.—Sniping has occurred at Windmill Store, on the Upper Tugela, and two Volunteers on patrol were shot. On Dec. 28 "B.-P." reached Durban and was presented with a shield made of Kruger sovereigns.

Train Held Up at Standerton.—Reuter reports that the Boers captured five wagon-loads of provisions by derailing a supply train near Vaal. They set fire to as much of the supplies as they were unable to carry off.

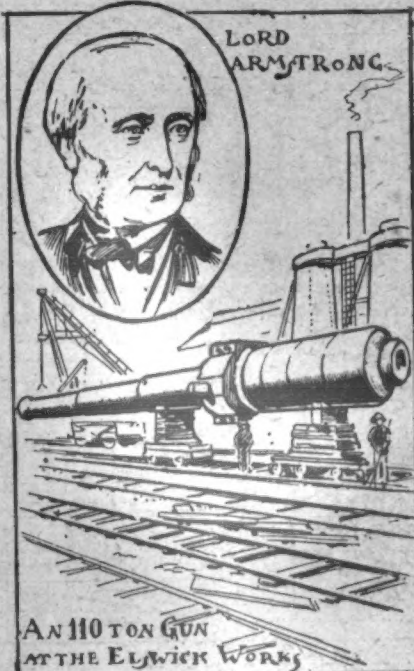
A Reuter's Telegram from Cape Town on Tuesday reports that a force of over 200 Boers on Monday morning stopped a train consisting of empty goods trucks and one or two passenger carriages a few miles north of Rosemead, and afterwards burned it. About sixty Colonial troops travelling by the train were captured, but were released after a short detention. One or two were wounded.

The Benson Shakspearean Company at the Comedy vies with the Lyceum in performances worthy the Bard of Avon's immortal works. Everyone should see Mr. Lewis Waller, Mr. Mollison, and Co. in "Henry V." at the Lyceum; and Mr. Benson and his capital Shakspearean troupe should be seen in "The Taming of the Shrew" at the Comedy—when the German plays are not being performed.

Sir Henry Irving's next Revival at the Lyceum Theatre will be "Coriolanus," a play he meditated producing twenty years ago, and even went so far as to arrange with Sir Laurence Alma-Tadema, the distinguished R.A., to design the scenery. The drawings then made will be employed on this occasion, and when worked out will be particularly fine, especially the Roman scenes. The plot of "Coriolanus" was founded on a story of Plutarch. Sir Henry commissioned Herr Henschel to compose incidental music.

Lord Armstrong's Death.—The "passing" of this well-known inventor removes a man of unusual distinction. The veteran Lord Armstrong was indeed one of the most illustrious of our men of science. Born in 1810, he first practised as a solicitor at Newcastle, and subsequently introduced the present system of transmitting and utilising hydraulic power. He also invented the famous Armstrong guns and founded the great gun works at Elswick, of which company he was chairman. Engineer of Rifled Ordnance to the War Department from 1858 to 1863, he was President of the British Association in 1863, President of the Institute of Civil Engineers in 1882, and twice President of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers. He was made a peer of the United Kingdom in 1887. Lord Armstrong, who leaves no issue, married a daughter of Mr. William Ramshaw, formerly of Bishop Auckland, who predeceased him.

To Him the World Owes its Modern Artillery. Although many may feel inclined to disparage his ingenuity in this direction, no one will gainsay the fact that, owing to the vast improvements he designed



in our weapons, war is less terrible in its effects than it was formerly. The huge 110-ton guns which he manufactured are mounted in the *Sanspareil* and the *Bombardier*, and the ill-fated *Victoria* carried two of them to the bottom when she sank. Considerable disadvantages attach to the use of artillery so enormous, as will be understood when we remember that the cost of each round fired with full charge is £200, and that the gun would become practically useless after firing seventy-five rounds. For these and other reasons the 12-in. gun is now supplied instead of the larger one.

The Dramatic Novelty of the New Year was "The Thirty Thieves," at Terry's Theatre. Mr. Charles Groves represents a Lord Mayor with his customary drollery, Miss Florence Perry, a clever Savoyard, who acts and sings remarkably well, appeared as Mariana, which was the original title of the piece, a diverting extravaganza.

The Chinese Note presented on Sunday, unconditionally accepting the preliminary demands of the Powers. A Peking telegram states, was worded to the effect that Prince Ching and Li-Hung-Chang, on behalf of China, agreed to the conditions imposed, and asked for a Conference. General Gaselee is suffering from illness, and Li-Hung-Chang is still indisposed.

Twopenny Tubers Left Behind.—During an awkward hour on the morning of Dec. 28 traffic was suspended on the Central London Railway. A breakdown which was due to the accidental establishment of a "short circuit," took place between the Notting Hill Gate and Marble Arch Stations, on which stretch of the line a train was becalmed in the "tube." While the passengers were trudging along the tunnel to the nearest point of connection with the upper air they were met by officials, who requested them to return to the cars, and, having done so they were rescued from their dilemma by the switching on of a temporary current of electricity.



M. Jules Riviere, who died on Dec. 27 at the age of eighty-one, was one of the most brilliant conductors of dance music. He first came prominently before the London public as director of the Promenade Concerts at Covent Garden in 1871.

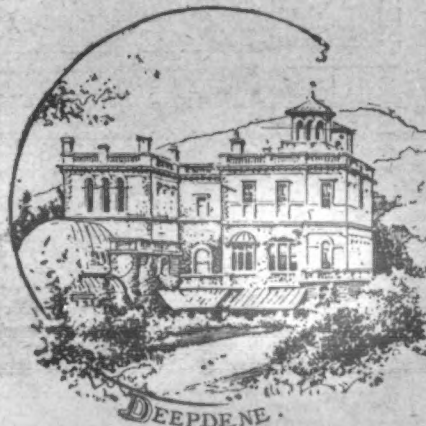
Colonel Lord William de la Poer Beresford, V.C., who died last Saturday, was descended from a famous fighting family, and essentially a soldier himself. From his boyhood his physical daring, love of danger, and ready pugnacity left no doubt that, if he were to win distinction, it must be in warfare by land or sea. He chose for



THE LATE LORD WILLIAM BERESFORD, V.C. LILLIAN, DUCHESS OF MARLBOROUGH.

a profession the Army, as his famous brother Charles chose the Navy, and he has done brilliant fighting service for his country. His campaigns were the Jowaki Expedition, the Zulu War and Afghan War, and the Burma Expedition, and in each of these he won the coveted honour of despatch mention, while for an act of notable valour at the battle of Ulundi he received the Victoria Cross.

The Story of How He Won the V.C. is well known. Lord William, at great personal risk, during the retirement of the reconnoitring party across the White Umvolosi River, turned to assist Sergeant Fitzmaurice, 1st Battalion 24th Foot, whose horse had fallen with him. Lord William mounted him behind himself on his own horse and brought him away under the close fire of the Zulus, who were in great force and coming on quickly. Lord William's position was rendered most dangerous from the



THE LATE LORD WILLIAM BERESFORD'S RESIDENCE AT DORKING.

fact that Sergeant Fitzmaurice twice nearly pulled him from his horse. "It was the bravest deed I ever saw," said Archibald Forbes.

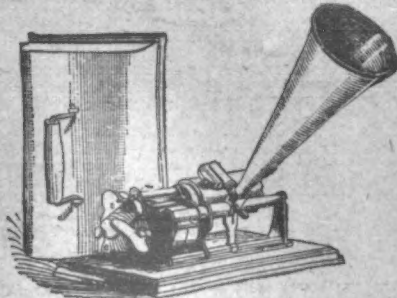
His Lordship's Love of Sport is well known, and during the past five years he had been very successful in running horses both under Jockey Club and National Hunt rules. Besides his distinguished brothers, the Marquis of Waterford and Lord Charles Beresford, Lord William leaves a widow—Lillian, Duchess of Marlborough, whom he married in 1886—and a three-year-old son. His Lordship's widow has received a large number of sympathetic messages, including several from members of the Royal Family.

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HALF-TIME.

FOOTBALL-PLAYERS have entered upon the second half of the season without having experienced anything worse than wet. So far there has been no necessity for grounds to be protected, and though the running has not always been smooth, the course of the game has not been interrupted. About Christmas-time, which may be said to have been somewhat warm and on the whole very wet, much football was played, especially of the League description. Clubs in the First Division were pretty busily engaged, and though the good things of the season may have temporarily lowered the form of some players, the result has not been revolutionary so far as positions on the list are concerned; but attention may be called to the improvement in the prospects of

Newcastle United.

who on Saturday beat Notts Forest by two goals to one, and thus stood, with two games in hand, only 3 points below their opponents, who still lead the way. Aston Villa, with whom Stoke succeeded in playing a draw, separated the pair mentioned above, being 2 points below the first, with twenty-two games played, against twenty by Notts Forest and eighteen by Newcastle United. Fourth on the list, Bury played a draw with Sheffield United, whose place after Saturday's games was eighth. Another tight fit was the match between Sunderland and Notts County, each side scoring a goal, but Blackburn Rovers, who have a knack of creating surprises, beat Liverpool, who occupy seventh position, by three goals to one. Everton and Sheffield Wednesday both won their matches easily, respectively against Preston North End and Manchester City, while Derby County treated Bolton Wanderers to defeat by four goals to two. In the Second Division the meeting between

Grimsby Town and Burnley.

who are before all others in the matter of points, commanded most attention. The former gained a narrow victory, after a good game. Small Heath beat Burnley Port Vale, and New Brighton Tower had the better of Blackpool United, which is more than can be said of Woolwich Arsenal in connection with that club's match against Gainsborough Trinity. The Plumstead men share the honours of fourth with New Brighton Tower, but their doings cannot be said to inspire one with confidence, especially when some future engagements are taken into consideration.

Southern League.

The leaders, Southampton, were on Saturday engaged with West Ham United on their own ground, and though the latter gained two goals to none in the first half, they were beaten eventually by three to two. Bristol City beat Luton, but Portsmouth proved unequal to the task of beating Millwall on the latter's ground. The match drew some 8000 to the East Ferry enclosure, and it was stubbornly and at times roughly contested. In the result Millwall proved successful by three goals to one, but this still left them fourth, 2 points below Portsmouth. Bristol Rovers lost to Kettering, and Reading drew with Queen's Park Rangers. In the ordinary course of events,

Tottenham Hotspur

would have met Chatham on Saturday, but that club having been disbanded, the Metropolitans arranged a

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THE RUSSIAN CIRCUS

AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.



A GREAT HOLIDAY TREAT FOR THE CHILDREN.

match against Newark, who had not previously visited the South. Newark were not sufficiently powerful fully to extend Tottenham Hotspur, who, despite excellent work on the part of the visitors' goal-keeper, and slackness on their own part in the second half, won by three goals to none. This was also the result of the match between London Caledonians and Richmond Association, the former winning. Clapton beat Old Westminsters by seven goals to one; Old Foresters beat Old Harrovians by five goals to none; and Bishop Auckland beat Casuals (on tour) by four goals to two.

Richmond v. Fettesian-Lorettonians.

The matches of the Scottish combination when on tour in the South seldom fail to draw, and at Saturday's match at Richmond there was, perhaps, the best gate for that ground of the season. It was an intensely interesting match, for though the visitors were the stronger forward, they blundered several times behind the scrimmage. The mistakes occurred chiefly in the first half, at the close of which Richmond led by a goal and a try to a try. The tale this seemed to tell was only flattering, however, for the Scotsmen more than made up the deficit; the last points gained by them being by means of a dropped goal. They won by 2 points, mainly owing to the strength of their forwards, among whom were Swanston, Greenlees, and the brothers Bedell-Sviright. The weak spot in the visitors' play was the work of their three-quarters, which compared unfavourably with that done by those of the home team.

Old Merchant Taylors

added in a pronounced way to their successes on Saturday, beating Rosslyn Park by no fewer than 31 points to 5. This season the O.M.T.'s may be said to have completely recovered their prestige. Their colours have this season been lowered by Newport and Blackheath only, and on their form of Saturday it is perhaps not going too far to say that they might have beaten either of those clubs.

Blackheath

were away at Coventry, whence they must have departed with light hearts, for they won by three goals and three tries to a try. Bristol gave Cardiff a good game, being beaten by no more than 5 points to 3. Kensington lost to Harlequins, who scored six tries to a goal, Marlborough Nomads beat Old Leylans by 17 points to 6, Newport beat Moseley by a goal and four tries to nothing, and Devonport Albion beat Leicester by a goal and a try to nothing.

"Wisden."

Just as, with the majority of us, the details of last season's cricket are beginning to fade from our memories comes the ever-welcome "Cricketers' Almanack," familiarly known as "Wisden," to our aid. The name of Pardon has long been honourably associated with the cricket annual par excellence, and Mr. Sydney H. of that ilk, with the help of Messrs. Charles Stewart Caine, H. Vincent Jones, H. E. Jewell, Hubert Preston, S. J. Southerton, F. S. Ashley-Cooper, and H. Davidson, has done, as in previous years, his work in thorough fashion. The volume for 1901 is a concise history of cricket in the past year faithfully told by means of expert comment, scores, and summaries. Mr. W. J. Ford deals with "Public School Cricket in 1900," Mr. P. F. Warner with "The West Indians in England," Mr. D. L. A. Jephson on "Fielding," and the editor, Mr. S. H. Pardon, contributes a few notes on leading topics. Mr. R. E. Foster, J. Tunnicliffe, T. L. Taylor, G. H. Hirst, and S. Haigh are the portraits given in the thirty-eighth edition of "Wisden," and, as usual, they are accompanied by biographical notices. A large number of cricketers of note died in the year that has just ended, and to those who treasure up these broken links the latest issue of "Wisden" must prove of great value. A cricket subject which has been much discussed during the past few weeks has been the action of the county captains in connection with those bowlers who have been suspected of

Throwing.

What will be the eventual result is not at present quite clear, but it is a great pity that the captains did not, after discussing the matter, agree to leave it to be finally settled by their county committees in conjunction with that of the Marylebone Cricket Club.

Blackheath v. Ranelagh Harriers.

It was a happy idea, that of an inter-club run for the last Saturday in the Nineteenth Century, and, as may be supposed, it was a function with which a large amount of good-fellowship was associated. "Tom" Crafter, A. E. Dodge, and J. C. Stevens laid an excellent trail over an eight-mile course from Blackheath Hill, through Morden College and Kidbrooke, past King John's Palace into Eltham, and thence home again through Kidbrooke. A goodly number of members turned out, and a very enjoyable form of exercise for the end of Christmas week the run proved, though the ground was for the most part on the very soft side, and added to the test of stamina. All stood it well, and, judging by the way in which the high tea was afterwards attacked, appetites must have been improved by the outing. Many who did not run were also present, and took part in the festivities, which included a whistle match between the clubs; and if the good wishes expressed

on Saturday last be only half realised, Blackheath, Ranelagh, and other good sportsmen will have a rosy time in 1901. It is my sincere wish the good things hoped for will all come off.

The Billiard Championship.

With John Roberts out of the United Kingdom, and not likely to return for some time, there can be no cavilling as to the right of C. Dawson and H. W. Stevenson playing for the championship, which is, of course, played for under the auspices of the Billiard Association, the now recognised body of authority. Stevenson poses as the challenger, the title being held by his opponent. Proceedings were commenced on Monday at the Gaiety Restaurant, the scene of memorable championships in the past. Dawson was reported to be off colour, and this would appear to have been borne out by his play in the afternoon, when he scored but half as many points as his rival, but in the evening he, among other things, made a break of 543 in fine style, and at one time held an advantage. At close of play, however, Stevenson, who has of late shown great improvement, was in command. The total to be reached is 9000, and at the rate of 1500 per day, it will be Saturday, Jan. 5, before the match is concluded.

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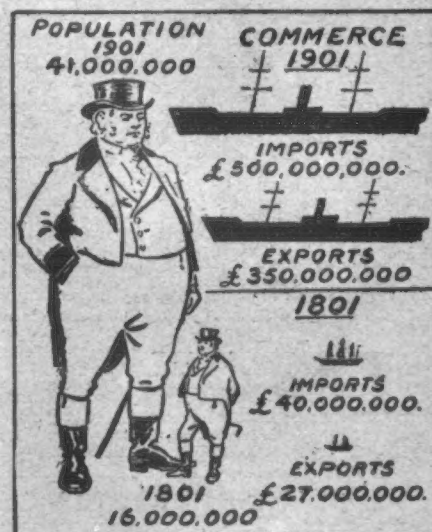
BANSHEE.



SKETCHES AT THE RUN BETWEEN THE BLACKHEATH AND RANELAGH HARRIERS AT BLACKHEATH LAST SATURDAY.

THE OLD CENTURY AND THE NEW.

THE ablest historian who ever lived could not summarise a century in a hundred lines. A comprehensive retrospect of the Nineteenth Century would fill a hundred ponderous volumes at least, and such a work will probably never be attempted, for it could hardly be completed in a single lifetime. During the past hundred years the world has made more material progress than in all the thirty centuries which have elapsed since the days of Homer. The Nineteenth Century has been a new Renaissance. It has given us the railway, the steam-ship, the telegraph, the telephone, the phonograph, the perfecting press, the photograph, the sewing-machine, the reaper and mower, the perfected factory system, the armoured war-ship, the high-powered gun, the electric transmission of power, the electric car, the



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electric light, the gas light, the friction match, anaesthetics, antiseptics, the Röntgen rays, and a hundred and one other things which help to make life worth living.

During the nineteenth century England has become great—the greatest among the nations of the earth. She has extended her Colonial empire until the sun never sets on the dominions of her Sovereign; her ships are on every sea, and her people are to be found in the most remote corners of the globe. At the beginning of the century the population of these islands was considerably less than half what it is to-day, and our annual trade has increased by hundreds of millions sterling. We Britons as a nation have indeed a proud record for the century which is dead; what the century which has just dawned will bring forth remains to be seen, but we cross the threshold with few forebodings for the future.

Mr. Barton has been successful in his attempts to form a Ministry for Federal Australia. His Cabinet will include Sir W. J. Lyne, Sir G. Turner, Sir J. Forrest, Mr. Deakin, Mr. Kingston, and Mr. Dickson. Sydney is crowded with visitors, who have come from all parts to share in the celebrations over the inauguration of the Commonwealth.

A Fierce Westerly Gale struck the British Isles on the morning of Dec. 23, and continued to rage with undiminished fury during the greater portion of the day. Mountainous seas are reported from many coasts, and the Channel traffic was paralysed for some hours. Numerous vessels have been cast ashore or engulfed beneath tremendous waves, and the consequent loss of life must prove to be very serious indeed. On land, houses have been flooded and unroofed, trees rooted up, telegraph-poles hurled to the ground, and railroads destroyed. The inevitable disorganisation of the electric communications of the country has followed.

The "P.I.P." Farmer.

BY A FRESH HAND.

The Chinese Potato.

It is not at all likely that the Chinese yam will ever supersede the potato, but when well treated, both as regards culture and cooking, it is a really valuable addition to our kitchen-garden stock, and it is so thoroughly hardy that it may be grown anywhere in the United Kingdom. The tuber grows with its thickest end downwards, and as a matter of course, requires a deep,



CHINESE POTATO PLANT.

well-worked soil, but the earth need not be rich. Indeed, good loam, without manure, often produces a better crop than a prepared rich compost. It should be noted, however, that a wet clay is totally unfit for it, nothing being more suitable than a deep, rather sandy loam. There are several modes of propagating the plant, the best ways being by the buds in the axils of the stem, just as you would increase a valuable new kind of potato (potatoes being as easily propagated from cuttings as dahlias are), and by cutting the neck of the yam into small pieces. Plant in April, the earlier the better; the beginning of May is the latest time they can be planted. Let the ground be well dug, and at least 2 ft. deep, and if the soil is naturally shallow, throw the earth in ridges, and plant on the top 7 in. apart. It is certainly worth adding that the yam is very elegant in growth, producing a twining stem and sweet-scented flowers.

Lenten Roses.

Even the smallest cottage may succeed in growing the beautiful Lenten roses, providing a spot is chosen that is sheltered from the north and east winds, and the young growths afforded protection when thought necessary. Their value in the garden in the early spring cannot be over-estimated, and, seeing how distinct they are from all other plants at that season, the wonder is that they



LENTEN ROSES.

are not more often grown in some of the many forms now to be had. Hellebores, of which family Lenten roses are valuable members, dislike frequent disturbance, and should be left alone to form handsome masses. A border of any of the family forms an interesting feature in a garden, and provides a succession of bloom over the darkest time of the year, letting Lenten roses close the season.

Sultan Fowls.

The Sultan fowl, an illustration of which I give, is a fancy variety well repaying the breeding, even if only for the price which may be got for the eggs of good strains for hatching. The birds are capital layers, and very easily managed, they not having an inclination to wander, the same as many other breeds. They do not sit, but must be kept where they have the run of a nice grass meadow or lawn, their foot-feathers getting frightfully bedraggled if



SULTAN FOWL.

the birds are allowed to stray into the roads or in the garden. The breed originated in Turkey, and is still known there under a name of which the English cognomen is the literal translation. It is about half a century since the first specimens were brought to this country, and, though never very numerous, they are always to be found at the leading shows. They are about the size of a Polish fowl, and evidently of the same family, but are perfectly white in plumage, and have far more profuse feathering than the variety named.

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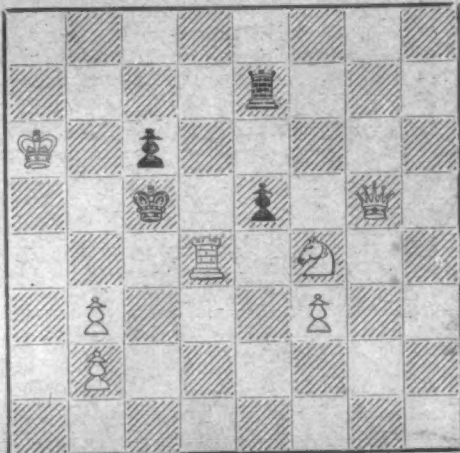
C. E. KNIGHT.—We cannot reply to a phantom query. If you will send us your proposed solution in full, we shall have much pleasure in assisting you, as you desire.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 354.

1. Q to Kt 3rd. Q takes Q. 2. Kt takes P. Mate.
1. " K to K 3rd. 2. Kt to K 3rd " etc.
1. " K to B 3rd. 2. Kt takes P " etc.

PROBLEM No. 355.—By A. STEPANOW.

BLACK (Four Pieces).



WHITE (Seven Pieces).

White to play, and mate in two moves.

Players who like close defences may gain some experience by a perusal of the following specimen of the Caro Kahn Defence—
Game played in the Masters' Tournament at Simpson's Divan, London.

WHITE (J. Mortimer). (P. J. Lee).
1. P to K 4th. P to Q 3rd.
2. P to Q 4th. P to Q 4th.
3. Kt to B 3rd. P takes P.
4. Kt takes P. B to B 4th.
5. Kt to Kt 3rd. B to Kt 3rd.
6. Kt to B 3rd. Kt to Q 2nd.
7. B to Q 3rd. P to K 3rd.
8. P to B 3rd. K Kt to B 3rd.
9. B takes B.
10. B to K 5th. R P takes B.
11. Q to B 2nd. R to Q 3rd.
12. Castles Q R. Castles Q R.
13. Kt to K 4th. Kt to K 1st.
14. Kt to B 4th. Kt takes Kt.
15. P to B 4th. Kt to Kt 1st.
16. P to Kt 3rd. Kt to B 4th.
17. B to K 3rd. Kt to B 2nd.
18. P to K 4th. K to R 1st.
19. R to Q 3rd. P to Q 3rd.
20. Kt to Q 1st. R to Q 3rd.
21. Kt to Q 2nd. Kt to B 3rd.
22. R to R 3rd. R (B) to Q 1st.
23. Kt to K 5th. Kt to K 5th.
24. Q to Kt 2nd. Kt to K 4th.
25. Kt takes Kt. Kt takes P.
26. Kt to B 5th. Kt to Q 2nd.
27. Kt to Kt 2nd. Q to K 3rd.
28. P to Q 4th. Kt takes P.
29. R to K 3rd. Kt takes P.
30. R to R 1st. R takes P.
31. Kt to Kt 2nd. Q to K 3rd.
32. Q to Kt 2nd. Kt to K 4th.
33. Kt takes P. Q takes R.
34. Kt takes B P. Q to K 5th (ch).
35. Resigns.

DRAUGHTS.

CORRECT SOLUTIONS OF PROBLEMS from David Arbib, Captain Challice, Q.W.R., and Edgar E. A. Warne.
DAVID A.—Please examine the solution to your problem. Afraid you have not quoted it correctly.

F. H.—Your opponent must capture both men or submit to being huffed.

D. GORDON.—You have made the White side too strong in your problem.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 316.—By A. C. HEWS.

Black: 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 25, 19k, 26k.

White: 14, 16, 17, 22, 3k, 7k, 18k.

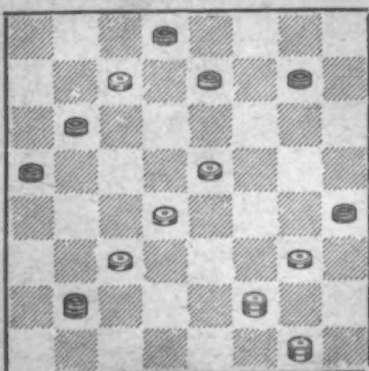
White to move, and win.

7-11	9-18	3-8	10-17	7-14
8-15	22-15	12-19	11-7	
18-11	19-10	17-14	4-11	W. wins.

PROBLEM No. 317.

By A. ROACH (Penzance).

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to move, and win.

GAME No. 269.

Played between F. C. SEBAST (Camden Town) and J. B. SHAW (Lewisham).

"Waterloo" (2).

11-15	21-17	16-20	26-23	24-27
25-18	5-9	23-19	19-26	22-18
8-11	25-21	15-24	31-22	27-31
18-14	9-14	18-19	3-7	18-9
9-18	33-27	10-15	27-23	31-26
24-19	12-16	19-10	20-24	23-18
15-24	20-11	6-15	22-18	26-22
22-8	7-16	17-10	1-5	18-14
4-11	29-25	7-14	18-9	
27-20	2-7	30-26	5-14	Drawn.
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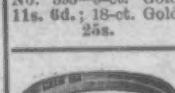
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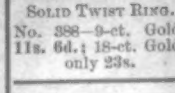
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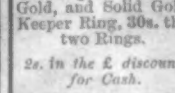
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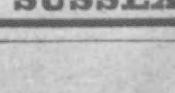
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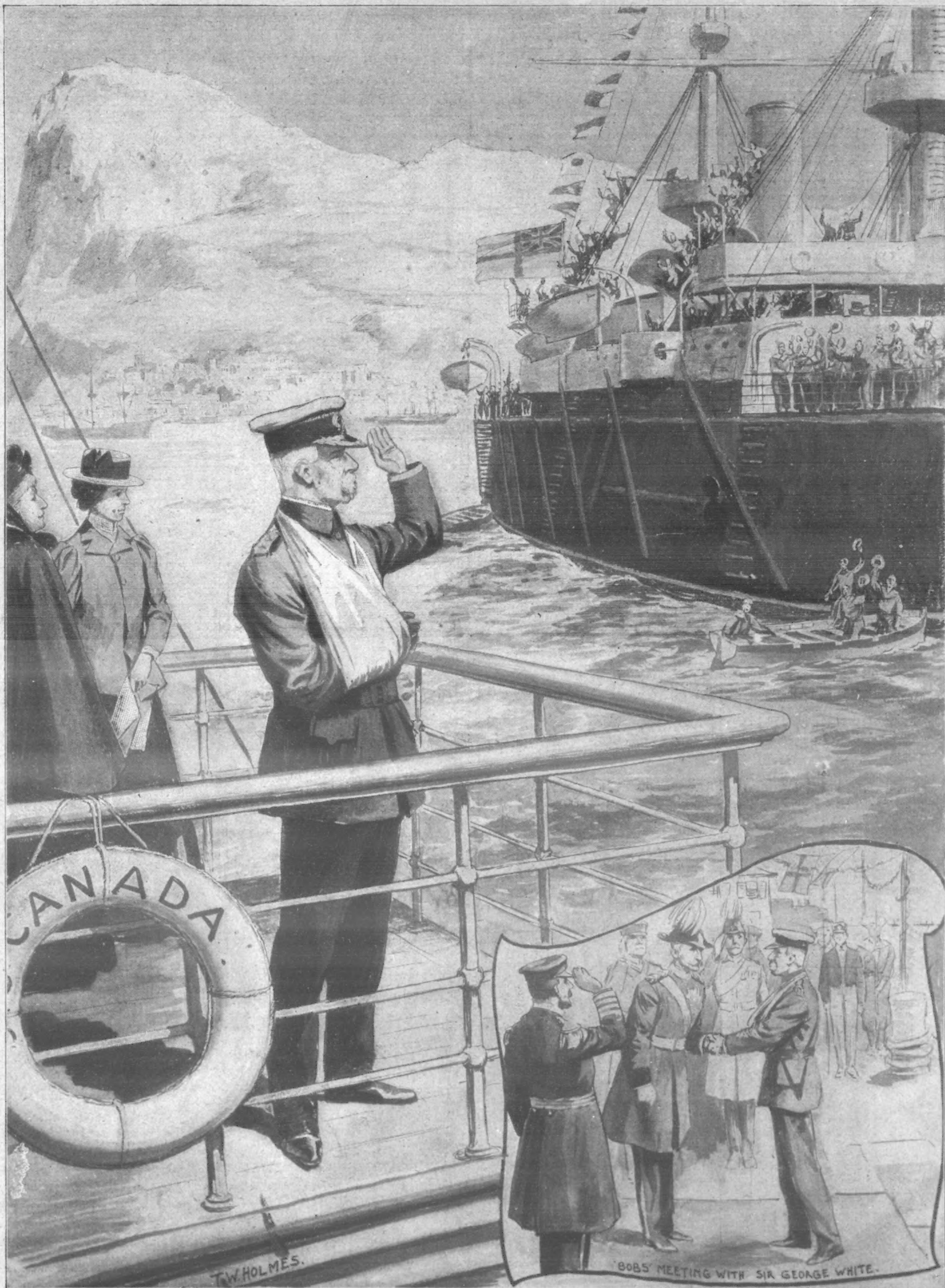
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NEW YEAR NOVELETTES.

A Boxer's Bride.

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MY young friend Dick Massingham had written a novel, which he was exceedingly anxious that I should dramatise before he published it. My house at the time was in the hands of the decorators, so we agreed that when collaboration was necessary we would work together in Dick's apartments. At the time I began to collaborate with him he was living in a suite in Fitzroy Street, Fitzroy Square.

The first day that I called on Dick I met upon his doorstep a young lady who instantly attracted my attention. She was tall, graceful, pretty, and well dressed, and she had a pair of the most beautiful eyes I had ever seen. They made such an impression on me that I forgot for a moment I was not looking at a picture, and gazed intently.

"There's an awfully pretty girl lives here, Dick," I said, as soon as I had been shown into my friend's rooms. "I've just met her on the doorstep. Who is she?"

"I don't know," replied Dick. "I don't ask my landlady questions about my fellow-lodgers, but I believe she has the drawing-room floor."

"All to herself?"

"At present, I believe. But I fancy she's married, and her husband's away. You're quite right about her being pretty. I've met her in the hall several times. Wonderful pair of eyes, hasn't she?"

"Glorious!"

"Curious you noticed her, because, between ourselves, I'm going to give those eyes to my heroine in the next book I write. A woman with eyes like that can make a great impression on a romantic, artistic man. But let's get on with our play, old chap."

When I left him a few hours afterwards we had made good progress, and arranged to meet in a week. Before the day arranged for I was called out of town. When I returned my first visit was to Fitzroy Street.

It was about eight when I called, and the twilight of an early September evening had settled down upon London. Dick was out, but had left word that he would not be long, and I was to wait. I was sitting in his room when there came a tap at the door, and before I could say "Come in," it was opened, and a strange figure entered.

I was so astonished at what I saw that I involuntarily uttered an exclamation of surprise. Standing before me was a handsomely dressed pig-tailed Chinaman. The man was good-looking and well-built, and of good position, for I noticed that his silk cap had the button on it which denotes rank.

He was evidently as surprised to see me as I was to see him; for he stepped back, and with a grave Oriental bow, exclaimed in excellent English, "I beg your pardon, I thought to find Mr. Massingham here."

Then with another low bow he retired and closed the door.

When Dick arrived a few minutes later I was full of my adventure.

"There's been a Chinaman here after you," I exclaimed. "Where on earth did he spring from?"

"Been here after me?" exclaimed Dick, and to my surprise I noticed that his face became grave.

"Yes—do you know him?—who is he? What on earth does a Chinaman want with you?"

"Well—I hardly know how to tell you—I suppose you'll think I'm an awful fool, but the fact is I've—I've fallen desperately in love with that young lady upstairs."

"Well, I suppose you'll fall out again. Your romances don't last long as a rule. But what has the Chinaman to do with the young lady upstairs?"

"Everything—he's her husband!"

"What? That charming girl married to a Chinaman?"

"Yes. And she's awfully unhappy. One day I found her looking terribly worried, and somehow or other I won her confidence, and she told me everything. Her name is Lillian. She was a nursery-governess at the Chinese Embassy—had to take the little Chinese boys about and teach them English. Ching-San-Lo—that's the man you saw—was an attaché or something of that sort. He met her at the Embassy every day, and fell in love with her, and asked her to marry him. He's a handsome chap, talks English, you know, and belongs to a good family. The poor girl hadn't a friend in the world, and didn't like nursery-governessing, and at last she accepted him. He took apartments here, and lives with her on and off."

"On and off?"

"Well, of course, he has to go about with the Ambassador, and part of the year the Chinese Ambassador is in Paris. When he came back from Paris he told his wife that something was going to happen soon, and he should have to return to China—perhaps in a few weeks; she would have to go with him. In the meantime he wants her to go and live with him at the Embassy, where the Ambassador has given him rooms."

"Well, if she loves her husband she needn't worry about that. Portland Place is a better address than Fitzroy Street."

"You don't understand. The poor girl believes that if she enters the doors of the Chinese Embassy she will never be seen again."

"Oh, nonsense! She imagines these horrors." "No, she has been warned by a Chinese servant from the Embassy who used to come here with messages from Ching-San-Lo. She did the man a service, and he was grateful. He told her that there is going to be a great revolt in China presently, and all foreigners are to be massacred. The Chinese are plotting something, and they are going to drive all the foreign devils into the sea."

"That's a tale! How could this man know?"

"He is a member of a Secret Society. Some of the members of the Embassy belong to it. They have discussed these things together, and they have messages constantly from China as to what is going on."

"But if this young lady is the wife of a Chinese official, she is a Chinese subject. She will be safe even if these things should happen."

"No, in a fit of terror, when her husband told her she must leave for China with him in a month, she let him know that she had learned the secret. He was in a terrible rage. The next day she received a mysterious message. It was from the poor fellow who had warned her. Suspicion had fallen upon him as the traitor. He sent her word that he was a marked man, that he would be forced to commit suicide. He begged her to refuse to leave the English house with her husband. If she could escape in the night and leave London, letting no one know where she was going to, it might save her life."

"Come, come, Dick," I exclaimed; "you are trying your next romance on me. We are not in China, but in London, where that sort of thing is impossible."

Dick shook his head mournfully. "It is all possible," he replied. "There is an account in to-day's paper of the suicide of a Chinese servant at the Embassy. He took poison. The witnesses at the inquest swore his brain was turned because he was disappointed in love."

"Then if this is really true, your duty is clear," I exclaimed. "You must go first to the Foreign Office and give information of the Chinese plot against foreigners, and then to the police and get protection for Mrs. Ching-San-Lo."

"I have been to the Foreign Office. The official I saw laughed at me. He said I had been imposed upon. If my information were correct, the Foreign Legations in China would have communicated with their Governments long ago."

"And the police?"

"They said that they could not at the suggestion of a stranger interfere between a member of a foreign Embassy and his wife. But I am in love with Lillian, and I mean to put things right. I have found out that her husband has another domestic establishment in Paris."

There was a knock at the door. Dick opened it and found himself face to face with Mr. Ching-San-Lo.

"May I ask the honour of your company in my rooms for a moment?" said the Chinaman, speaking in a soft musical voice. "I wish to speak with you privately."

Dick bowed, and with a nervous glance at me followed the Chinaman upstairs.

Dick was absent for about ten minutes. When he returned he was deadly pale.

"The danger is nearer than I thought," he exclaimed. "This man knows everything. He has either had his wife watched while he was away or has forced a confession from her. He knows of our meeting. He suspects she has told me her secret. Upstairs he told me quite quietly that his wife was in a very excited state. She had allowed herself to be fascinated by me, and in a moment of foolishness had told me an untruth, which, if it were repeated, would seriously injure her husband. She was filled with remorse at her conduct. If I made the slightest attempt to communicate with her, or if I made any use of the untrue statement she had made to me, she would immediately take poison. Her life was in my hands."

"Do you believe it?"

"Believe it, no! It's all a diabolical invention of this cursed Chinaman. There are a couple of Chinamen in European clothes in the room upstairs with Ching-San-Lo at the present moment."

"What shall you do?"

"I shall sit up all night. If an attempt is made to remove Lillian I shall go out into the street and call for assistance to prevent it."

We sat talking matters over until midnight, and I was just telling him that I would send a message home and remain with him through the night, when Dick suddenly started up with a cry.

"Listen!"

There was the noise of footsteps in the hall. Dick sprang to the door, and in a moment we were in the passage. The front door stood wide open. Drawn up to the kerb was a private brougham. We were just in time to see two Chinamen in European dress lifting in an inanimate form wrapped in a travelling-rug. Before Dick could rush out into the street one Chinaman had entered the carriage, the other had climbed on to the box, and the brougham was being driven rapidly away.

A hansom was passing. Dick hailed it, and we got in.

"Follow that brougham," he shouted to the cabman.

The cabman whipped his horse up. The brougham was driven rapidly across London. The cabman's horse was tired, and we had the greatest difficulty in keeping it in sight.

We must have been driving for nearly an hour

when we found ourselves in a desolate region that was quite unfamiliar to me.

The moon was hidden by clouds, and the houses and the trees looked like ghostly shadows.

Presently Dick, who was standing up by the splashboard and straining his eyes through the darkness, exclaimed—

"We are near the river!"

At that moment our horse staggered and fell.

"He's dead beat!" cried the cabman, jumping off the box.

We leapt out, Dick flinging the man a sovereign, and we ran like madmen through the night, guided rather by the noise of the wheels of the brougham than anything else, for it carried no light.

Suddenly the rattle of the wheels ceased.

"My God!" exclaimed Dick, "they're going to throw her into the water."

With a desperate effort we increased our pace, and presently we could see the brougham drawn up near a narrow, deserted riverside street.

We ran forward and groped our way to the water's edge.

The men had placed their burden in a boat. They leapt into it themselves, and were pulled rapidly down the river, disappearing in the darkness. We shouted, but no cry answered ours.

We made our way out of the alley and found that the brougham had driven off.

Shouting for help, we succeeded at last in attracting attention. A night watchman roused from his slumber came to us and told us where the nearest police-station was.

The inspector listened to our story and proceeded instantly to warn the river-police and to communicate with the dock authorities. He also telephoned to Scotland Yard, advising us to go there at once.

We had some difficulty in getting a cab, but we succeeded at last, and went straight to the Yard. An inspector immediately set out with us for Fitzroy Street. His first object was to search the rooms of Ching-San-Lo and secure any evidence that might be there.

It was about three in the morning when we reached Fitzroy Street. Letting himself in with his latchkey, Dick led the way upstairs.

The inspector opened the door of the Chinaman's apartments without knocking.

Then we all three started back with a cry of astonishment. Lying on the sofa was Mrs. Ching-San-Lo. We tried to rouse her, but she was in a heavy sleep.

"The woman has been drugged," exclaimed the inspector. "I'll fetch a doctor. The lady may be able to give us a clue to the mystery of the river."

When Lillian came to herself she could tell us very little. After a violent scene with her husband, during which she absolutely refused to leave the house with him, she had suddenly become aware of the presence of two Chinamen in European dress. She believed that her husband had given them his latchkey, and they had let themselves in. One held her while the other forced some liquid down her throat. From that moment she knew no more.

The next inquiries we made were at the Chinese Embassy for Mr. Ching-San-Lo. There the officials knew nothing of his whereabouts. They declared that he had never been authorised to bring his wife to the Embassy. On the previous day Mr. Ching-San-Lo had obtained leave of absence, and had announced his intention of returning to China. It was presumed that he had already set out.

No further information being obtainable, the detectives made their own inquiries and came to their own conclusion. "From information received" they had no doubt that this was the key to the mystery.

Ching-San-Lo was a member of a secret society, and in spite of his official position, was engaged in a plot to overthrow the reigning dynasty. The Chinese servant who had committed suicide had betrayed the plot to the Chinese authorities, and Mr. Ching-San-Lo had been caught in a trap. The two Chinese in European costume had offered to assist him in getting his wife away with him. In order that she should not be able to give an account of what happened they had drugged her. When she was insensible they had probably forced the same drug upon Ching-San-Lo, and had then conveyed him to the river, where he had been put on board a boat which was in readiness, and rowed in the dark hours of the night to a Chinese vessel in the docks. He would be taken to China, and there tortured into a confession and a betrayal of the names of the members of the society working in Europe. Then he would be executed after the Chinese fashion.

Every effort to trace his fate failed. His death was practically certain, but not legally so. Under these circumstances his wife commenced an action for divorce, and the evidence that there was a lady in Paris who passed as Mrs. Ching-San-Lo while the Embassy was at the French capital being undeniable, and the proofs of cruelty sufficient, a divorce was granted.

A year later the young lady whose beautiful eyes had attracted my attention on Dick Massingham's doorstep became Dick Massingham's wife.

It was in the early days of their honeymoon that the world was startled with the news of the Boxer Rebellion and the attack on the Legation of Peking.

I wonder if the officials at the Foreign Office remembered then that nearly two years previously a gentleman named Richard Massingham called upon them and told them what was going to happen, and that they dismissed his story as "utterly absurd."

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THE New Year and New Century began last Tuesday, and the commencement of a new era, as it were, suggests a few reflections which I hope will be duly considered in "The World of Women," and of Men too. What is of most consequence is the obligation that lies upon all of us to do everything in our power so to live that our example may benefit others; and if by the

beginning of 1902 we can point to some good influence which we have exercised over even one man, woman, or child, we may be entitled to feel that we have done something even in our narrow sphere.

I take for granted that a great many of my readers have a genuine interest in all that concerns the improvement of the human race, and more especially in the raising and keeping aloft of

A High Standard of Right and Wrong amongst the sons and daughters of the Empire. I do not decry the good that can be and is done by money, but it is better to lead a noble life in poverty than a mean and selfish one with pockets full of money.

The Queen has Lost Her Old Friend and favourite Lady-in-Waiting by the death of Jane, Lady Churchill, who died in her sleep last week. Before these lines are in print, Lord Roberts, our dear "Bobs," will have been welcomed home. I hope he will soon take a little rest; he must need it sorely.

The Smart Toque

I have the pleasure of delineating is, to my mind, exceedingly becoming, and promises well for the New Year's fashions. There is a softness about the embellishment calculated to suit every style of face. The colours are red and white, and any clever milliner could make a toque from the model given.

There will be

Several Interesting Weddings,

while the new year is still young. The young Queen of Holland will be married the end of this month or early in February, and descriptions of her magnificent wedding-gown of cloth of silver embroidered in seed pearls have already appeared in many papers. The material is not really cloth, but a beautiful kind of transparent stuff through which the sheen of the white glacé silk underskirt will appear. The Royal bride's gown for her first State dinner and reception after her marriage is made of white velvet trimmed with ermine. The wedding-dress will be trimmed with rich Brussels lace.

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will, probably, take place at Westminster Abbey, and it will be a very grand affair.



NEW DANCE FOR THE NEW YEAR.

Of the two daughters of Colonel and Mrs. Cornwallis-West, one is a Princess, and the other will soon be a Duchess. Their mother was one of the Professional Beauties, as women of fashion were stupidly called some years ago. The career of her great rival the "Jersey Lily,"

Mrs. Langtry, now Mrs. De Bathe, was somewhat different; she went on the stage, and her only daughter is still unmarried. The third interesting marriage is that of

Major-General Pole-Carew,

who has had so much fighting in South Africa, to Lady Beatrice Butler, daughter of the Marquis of Ormonde. She and her sister inherit much of the beauty of their maternal grandmother, the first wife of the late Duke of Westminster. The engagement took place before the gallant General went out to the seat of war, but has only just been announced.

The Duke of Westminster

has promised the Marchioness of Londonderry the use of Grosvenor House for the St. Patrick's Day sale of the Irish Industries Association in March next.

The New Year's Novel Dances.

Always up to date, Mr. Walter Humphrey, Principal Professor of the London Academy of Dancing, has some novelty ready for the dancing

public with the opening of each new season. His new round dance,

"The Frolic,"

was sketched by our light-footed Artist at the Cavendish Rooms, on the occasion of the New Year's dance there, and it bids fair to become a very general favourite as the New Century grows older and lighter-heeled. It is an adaptation of the barn dance, and the artist, taking a justifiable artistic license, has shown his couples in the two positions in which they successively appear, making one of his couples dance a little out of time, so as to display at once the two successive positions.

The dance is very simple, and easily learnt. For the sake of those who already have a knowledge of dancing, and who know the five positions which constitute a sort of dancing alphabet, a technical description, together with an illustration, will be quite sufficient. Partners stand side by side, gentleman's right arm round lady's waist. These are the gentleman's steps: Point left foot to 4th position front, point left foot to 4th position behind, chassé forward with left foot; point right foot to 4th position front, ditto behind; chassé forward with right foot. Partners then waltz for four measures and disengaging hands on fourth measure, recommence.

Whilst on the subject of new dances for the New Century, Mr. Humphrey was good enough to draw my attention to

"The Baden-Powell Schottische,"

which has been invented by Mr. W. J. Blockley, of Glasgow. The four positions are carefully sketched by our Artist, and the following description of the steps may help our learned readers to understand and appreciate them. First position: Spring on right foot and at same time beat left foot in second position (of the dancing alphabet), the foot slightly turned inwards. (2) Spring and beat left heel (second position), left foot turned outwards. (3) Spring on right, and bring left foot to fifth position in front. (4) Spring on right foot, left turned outwards to fourth position, raised in left front. Pas-de-quatre forward; repeat from beginning with right foot, and then waltz. Though this takes a long time to describe, any good teacher could teach it thoroughly in five minutes. The music is published by Blockley, of Argyll Street, W.; and the music of "The Frolic" by Messrs. Francis, Day, and Hunter, Charing Cross Road.

Some of my friends may be glad to know of a book or two dealing with

Games and Tricks

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with over one hundred illustrations and diagrams. Then there are "Games for Family Parties," by Mrs. Valentine, illustrated. I do not know the price of this book. Also, "Charades for Acting in Town and Country," by E. C. Nugent; price unknown, but it is probably to be bought for 2s. 6d. All the above are to be had of F. Waine and Co., Bedford Street, London, W.C.; but they

Can be Ordered

from any local bookseller. I find that I have forgotten to mention "Puzzles, Old and New," a complete manual, with upwards of 250 diagrams, explaining puzzles of all descriptions. This book is also by Professor Hoffmann, and the price is 2s. 6d.

And now for some nice solacing verses from our good friend Winifred E. Heard, Devon's sweet poetess—

"Mine."

Mine the hand to lead the patient love to stay,
When summer roses droop and lilies fade away.
Mine the voice to soothe throughout life's long, long years;
Yours the right to cling with trust that life endears;
Love's blossom will not fade the path by which you tread,
Love's sunshine will not cease to glad you overhead.
Mine the hand to guide you, dear,
Cloud or sunshine, mine, my dear.

Mine the right to win the brightest smiles from you.
For me the blushes rise to cheeks the lilies' hue.
A new sweet softness rings unto my listening ear,
Whene'er I call your name, and you will answer, dear.
Love's blossom will not fade amid the flowers you tread,
Love's sunshine will not cease to glad you overhead.
Mine the hand to guide you, dear,
Cloud or sunshine, mine, my dear.

A Correspondent in South Africa,

"Yoruba," asks for a recipe for oatmeal drinks to quench thirst. I should recommend in place of oatmeal, barley-water, which will be found less heating than oatmeal. It is made by boiling the barley in water until it is quite tender, and there must be sufficient water to prevent the barley from getting too thick. The liquor should be passed through a hair sieve, or strained through rather, but not too open, muslin. Lemon juice and sugar to taste should be added, but it must not be too sweet. Cold tea; with plenty of boiled milk in it—both milk and tea growing cold together—is an excellent and wholesome drink; also claret cup, made simply with boiling water and a very



A NEW-YEAR'S TOQUE.

little sugar, left to get quite cold, is very refreshing.

Avoid Spirits

in hot climates, and over-ripe fruit. I do not advise oatmeal: it is not cooling. I hope "Yoruba" will write again. His letter is dated Nov. 24, over a month ago.

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THE RACING WORLD.

THE RACING WORLD finished the Old Year sadly, for the death of Lord William Beresford came as a sad shock. All the Turf World knew about Lord William as one of the rollicking, dare-devil Beresfords, who did not care for "hog, dog, or devil" and was in the midst of all sport in Ireland. They followed with keen interest his doings in India, where after a while he may be said to have dominated the Turf. As principal owner or agent, confederate or adviser, he was alike successful in racing affairs. He knew the great game all the while, had played it actively, was full of pluck and dash, and was a terribly bad man to oppose, and by consequence a most valuable ally. Lord William Beresford's rare judgment told in dealing. Horses he bought in the Old Country won; so did those he imported from Australia; and in selecting ponies from any source he had no equal.

Betting on the Big Pony Race in India is almost as great, considering conditions, as on our Derby, and if Lord William could be classed as more dangerous in one branch of the business than another it was with the little horses. When, on leaving India, he settled in England and went in for racing on a large scale, first with

Mr. Lorillard as Partner, and after the latter gentleman had retired from the association, he started quite a revolution in Turf affairs. Huggins, who had trained for the confederacy, did great things indeed for the English owner, and Sloan's successes in his colours and mounts designated by him while Tod was under agreement with the stable were, as all the world knows, almost marvellous. At the beginning of the year

Lord William Looked Likely to have a rare good season; but, as so often happens when promises are fairest, fate went against them. On two-year-old form Democrat should have been very hard to beat in the classical races. The gelding trained off to nothing. Other horses were disappointing, and though, thanks to the

Two Reiffs, he ran up a strong score and came out well in the list of winning owners, he must have bought every shilling at a loss. The horses best backed did little good, and what on paper read as very satisfactory, must, when the debtor and creditor account was made up, have shown a very heavy loss. That Lord William would fight through the illness which robbed the Turf of

One of its Most Fearless Supporters was a universal wish. But I think that few who met him anywhere during the last four or five weeks could be hopeful on that score. Day by day he sent cheery messages to friends and quite towards the last, when ordered by his



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physicians to try the rest cure, postponed that attempt at remedy in order to assist at a Christmas shooting-party.

By his death a great number of nominations are void; but these do not affect the public, except in so far as they will reduce the strength of fields, and so rob races of some of their interest. Had the best two-year-old of this year—as I described him to Lord William when he ran for the first time—Valodoyovski, been nominated by him, and betting been as it was in the old days,

The Derby Market

would be quite revolutionised. As it is, there has been very little betting on the race, and the nomination holds good. Lady Meux, who, until she made up her mind not to run horses any more—a resolution we seldom see last long—raced as Mr. Theobalds (the name of her place down by Cheshunt), entered Valodoyovski for the Derby, etc., and he was merely leased to Lord William Beresford. So all bets stand

A great deal is being said in racing circles about

The Stratton Case.

and much of what is said is most unpleasant to hear. I am not inclined to enter into the dispute in any way, but I must record regret as a sportsman that the incident occurred. Those concerned in working the commissions believe that they have been very hardly treated by the committee of Tattersall's, who decided that a number of their bets were off, not being made in accordance with agreed conditions. Per contra, we have the fact that firms of good position have made a hard-and-fast rule under which they have informed all manner of big folk right up to

Next Door to Royalty

that they will not enter into any dealings with them under any circumstances. They can take their custom wherever they please, which is a rather strong order, because the "craft" have combined and mean to support each other.

This is nomination week. I hope, but do not think that we shall find, much new blood entered for the

Grand National Steeplechase,

though, perhaps, when the new four-year-old crop comes out we may find good recruits to the jumping.

Tod Sloan

is, I see, riding in California, despite all said by the U.S. agencies about his being barred there. He may be refused licenses on the other side, but I cannot see why this should be so. He did not do anything here against American rules. BENDIGO.

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HERTUS.—As the costs of contesting the claim would probably be more than the balance now due, it may be better for your daughter to pay such balance.

A. M. W.—A solicitor would only charge a few guineas for the document.

HATCHET.—You should see a solicitor and explain facts to him.

CONSTANT READER.—A deed of separation should be drawn up by a solicitor. This would save any Police Court proceedings.

NORTH.—The question is who was responsible for the accident. A solicitor should be instructed by the injured parties to sue the negligent person.

A. DEXTER.—We have no record of the matter.

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